

January 10, 2008

Mr. Steve Heminger
Executive Director
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94607-4700


Dear Mr. Heminger:

Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG) supports the application by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), on behalf of Delta Protection Commission (DPC), for a FY 2008-09 Partnership Planning Grant from California Department of Transportation for The Great California Delta Trail Collaborative Planning Process. SACOG supports this application and project in concept, and intends to engage in the collaborative planning process that will comprise the Delta Trail grant effort. We are known for inclusive and collaborative planning, and will represent the regional interest to ensure good connections with a Delta trail system serving five Delta counties (Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, and San Joaquin), eleven cities, legacy towns in the Delta, and three Caltrans Districts (Districts 3, 4, and 10).

SACOG recognizes the statewide recreational and transportation significance of The Great California Delta Trail, which was created via legislation (SB 1556, Torlakson) signed into law by the Governor effective January 1, 2007. The feasibility study and succeeding project planning by the Delta Protection Commission to establish a trail network through the five Delta counties would be a good fit for a state Partnership Planning Grant.

Sacramento Council of Governments looks forward to becoming involved in the planning process for the Great California Delta Trail that will be enabled through this grant.

Sincerely,



Mike McKee
Executive Director

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